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***PROPOSED***

PROGRAM AMENDMENTS  
STIP Amendment 00S-024  
Notice Item  
CTC Meeting: May 2-3, 2001

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**STIP AMENDMENT 00S-024 - NOTICE**

**SUMMARY**

This amendment delays and adjusts programming for ten projects in Merced, Mono, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Stanislaus Counties, with a net change in programming, by fiscal year (FY), of: \$68,714,000 decrease in FY 2001-02; \$11,968,000 increase in FY 2002-03; and \$56,746,000 increase in FY 2003-04. There is no change in the total Interregional Improvement Program funds and no change in the respective County's Share Balances.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), Mono County Local Transportation Commission (MCLTC), Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG), Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC), Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG), and the Department are requesting this amendment.

**RESOLUTION**

Resolved, that the California Transportation Commission revise the 2000 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at the end of the 30-day notice period as shown on Attachment A.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND**

This amendment delays and adjusts programming programming for ten projects in Merced, Mono, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Stanislaus counties.

The net change in programming by fiscal year (FY) is:  
\$68,714,000 decrease in FY 2001-02;  
\$11,968,000 increase in FY 2002-03; and  
\$56,746,000 increase in FY 2003-04

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The net changes in \$Thousands by the Fiscal Year of delay are tabulated below:

Summary	Changes (\$1,000)				
	FY 00-01	FY 01-02	FY 02-03	FY 03-04	FUTURE
From To					
01-02 to 02-03		\$(11,968)	\$11,968		
01-02 to 03-04		\$(56,746)		\$56,746	
02-03 to 03-04					
NET Change of delays		\$(68,714)	\$11,968	\$56,746	

## **BACKGROUND**

This amendment includes the requests to delay programming from Fiscal Year 2001-02 to a later fiscal year. The individual requests are grouped by county, including a summary of each county's request and the reason for delay, followed by a detailed description of the project and the reasons for delay.

Attachment A displays the actual changes to the programming of the Regional Improvement Program (RIP) and the Grandfathered Interregional Improvement Program (GF-IIP) dollars. Attachment B displays the local funding, if any, associated with the projects, and Attachment C displays the funding from the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

## **MERCED COUNTY**

This amendment delays \$1,872,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04 for two (2) projects with no change in Merced County's Share Balance. The Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) is requesting this amendment.

### **MERCED COUNTY SUMMARY (AMOUNTS IN \$THOUSANDS)**

Projects	FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03	FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04		TOTALS	REASON FOR DELAY
1	\$72			\$72	Not enough CMAQ projects moving forward in FY 2001-02.
2	\$400	\$1,400		\$1,800	Delay due to complex nature of coordinating with multitude of agencies and interest groups concerned with the project.
TOTAL	\$472	\$1,400		\$1,872	

Project #1 – This amendment delays \$72,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 programmed for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) match reserve funding (PPNO 5961). Total unallocated CMAQ match reserve funding of \$347,000 remains the same. MCAG is requesting this change because there are not enough CMAQ projects moving forward in FY 2001-02, and it is planning to use the \$72,000 for CMAQ projects in FY 2002-03.

Project #2 – This amendment delays \$1,800,000 in RIP funding (\$400,000 from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for design and \$1,400,000 from FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04 for right of way) and adds \$23,000,000 in TCRP funds (pending application approval) for a total project cost of \$36,301,000 for the Campus Parkway project (PPNO 5951) in Merced County.

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The delay is the result of the extremely complex nature of coordinating the project with the multitude of agencies and interest groups that have expressed concerns about the project. The project is further complicated as a result of the confusion concerning the independent utility of the Campus Parkway project from the UC Merced project. A significant amount of the time and resources have been spent over the last year preparing the information requested by various resource agencies (Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services) over this issue. A Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Record of Decision for this project is anticipated by September 2003.

### **MONO COUNTY**

This amendment delays \$2,529,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for one project with no change in Mono County's Share Balance. The Mono County Local Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.

#### **MONO COUNTY SUMMARY (AMOUNTS IN \$THOUSANDS)**

Projects	FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03	FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04		TOTALS	REASON FOR DELAY
1	\$2,529			\$2,529	Mammoth Lakes Circulation Plan and project aerial maps are not complete.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,529</b>			<b>\$2,529</b>	

Project #1 – This amendment delays \$2,529,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for construction of the Meridian Boulevard rehabilitation project in the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The environmental review has been completed, but the Town is currently waiting for the completion of its updated Circulation Plan and project aerial topography maps. This information will be used to determine the roadway width; striping, curb, gutter, and sidewalk placement; and the location of underground facilities. Design work cannot begin until these are complete, which in turn delays the construction schedule of the project.

### **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

This amendment delays \$7,262,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for two (2) projects with no change in Santa Barbara County's Share Balance. The Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) is requesting this amendment.

#### **SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SUMMARY (AMOUNTS IN \$THOUSANDS)**

Projects	FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03	FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04		TOTALS	REASON FOR DELAY
1	\$6,389			\$6,389	Additional time coordinating with University of California at Santa Barbara to identify project alternatives.
2	\$ 873			\$ 873	Additional time coordinating with University of California at Santa Barbara to identify project alternatives.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,262</b>			<b>\$7,262</b>	

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Project #1 – This amendment delays \$6,389,000 in RIP funding (\$545,000 for design and \$5,844,000 for right of way) from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for the Ekwill Street Extension project in Santa Barbara County. Due to extensive time spent by the County with the University of California at Santa Barbara (UCSB) to identify and evaluate additional project alternatives, it is premature to commence work on the environmental effort for this project. This has delayed the environmental schedule by fourteen months. Because approval of the environmental document may not be secured by June of 2002 due to the delay, the County is requesting more time for the implementation of the design and right of way phases.

Project #2 – This amendment delays \$873,000 in RIP funding (\$435,000 for design and \$438,000 for right of way) from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for the Fowler Road Extension project in Santa Barbara County. Due to extensive time spent by the County with UCSB to identify and evaluate additional project alternatives, it is premature to commence work on the environmental effort for this project. This has delayed the environmental schedule by fourteen months. Because approval of the environmental document may not be secured by June of 2002 due to the delay, the County is requesting more time for the implementation of the design and right of way phases.

### **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**

This amendment delays \$3,180,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04 for three (3) projects with no change in Santa Cruz County's Share Balance. The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission is requesting this amendment.

#### **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SUMMARY (AMOUNTS IN \$THOUSANDS)**

Projects	FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03	FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04		TOTALS	REASON FOR DELAY
1		\$1,695		\$1,695	Delay due to environmental review process and pre-award audit of the design and public relations consultant.
2	\$425			\$ 425	Delay due to extensive public involvement and environmental review process.
3	\$1,060			\$1,060	Delay in environmental and design process due to the sensitive nature of the river habitat.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,485</b>	<b>\$1,695</b>		<b>\$3,180</b>	

Project #1 – This amendment delays \$1,695,000 in RIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04 for the construction component of the Graham Hill Road Improvement project (PPNO 0930) in Santa Cruz County. Circulation of the draft environmental document in late 2000 generated extensive public interest, which resulted in the hiring of a public relations/engineering consultant by the County to address the public's concerns. The County anticipates that final design and right of way will not be completed until late in FY 2002-03 due to the delay in getting the environmental document certified and completing the pre-award audit of the consultant, so the County is requesting a STIP amendment to move construction funds to FY 2003-04. Local funding of \$165,000 for construction from the Santa Cruz County funds is also being delayed from FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04.

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Project #2 – This amendment delays \$425,000 in RIP funding for construction from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for the Santa Cruz Multimodal Station project (PPNO 0925) in Santa Cruz County. Due to greater than anticipated level of public involvement during preliminary design, the environmental review process has been delayed. This in turn has delayed the construction of the project. In addition to the schedule delay, local funding for construction has also been revised, with an increase of \$285,000 from CMAQ funds and a decrease of \$200,000 from the City of Santa Cruz funds.

Project #3 – This amendment delays \$1,060,000 in RIP funding for construction from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for the San Lorenzo River Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge and Pathway Extension project (PPNO 0927) in Santa Cruz County. The City of Santa Cruz is currently in the process of hiring a design consultant for the project and will begin environmental and design phases in June 2001. Due to the sensitive nature of the San Lorenzo River habitat, the City anticipates that more time will be needed to process audits, obtain permits, and finalize design, which in turn will delay the construction schedule. The local funding of \$40,000 for construction from the City of Santa Cruz funds is also being delayed from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03.

### **STANISLAUS COUNTY**

This amendment delays \$53,871,000 in RIP and Grandfathered IIP funding from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 and FY 2003-04 for two (2) projects with no change in Stanislaus County's Share Balance and no change in IIP funding.

#### **STANISLAUS COUNTY SUMMARY (AMOUNTS IN \$THOUSANDS)**

Projects	FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03	FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04		TOTALS	REASON FOR DELAY
1	\$220			\$220	Project rescoping due to railroad's reversal of support for an at-grade railroad crossing.
2		\$53,651		\$53,651	Delay in environmental approval process.
TOTAL	\$220	\$53,651		\$53,871	

Project #1 – This amendment delays \$220,000 in RIP funding for right of way from FY 2001-02 to FY 2002-03 for the Garst Road Extension project (PPNO 9879) in Stanislaus County. The main reason for the delay is because of the railroad's reversal of opinion on allowing an at-grade crossing. The at-grade crossing was originally envisioned as a bypass to the blockage that occurs at the railroad crossing on Highway 132 (Yosemite Boulevard). Coupled with the issue of differing elevation of the two main line tracks, the project would need to be rescoped if it were to continue. The solution to these impediments was an Intelligent Transportation System involving message boards on the highway, a sensor to detect blockage at the railroad crossing, and minor roadway improvements on the alternate route. This solution would meet the original intent of the project, but would delay the right of way acquisition. The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is requesting this amendment.

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Project #2 – This amendment delays \$53,651,000 in Grandfathered IIP funding (\$2,629,000 for construction support and \$51,022,000 for construction) from FY 2001-02 to FY 2003-04 for the Oakdale Bypass project in Stanislaus County (PPNO 0941). The delivery of the project has been impacted by delays in preparation of the environmental document. After more than 12 months of discussion, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) have finally agreed on the re-interpretation of facts concerning Section 4(f). Based on this agreement, the Department is preparing the environmental document for public review. In addition, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has required the Department to update the species surveys. Several other environmental issues may also need to be resolved before the draft Environmental Impact Statement/Report (EIS/EIR) can be approved and the design of the selected alternative can proceed. The Department is requesting this amendment to delay the construction year so there will be adequate time to complete the environmental process.

#### ATTACHMENTS

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**(\$1,000)**

ATTACHMENT A

Fund	County	Agency	Rte	Lead	Delay By	PPNO	Project	Total	Prior	Project Totals by Fiscal Year					Fut	Project Totals by Component					
										FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	R/W		Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Eng	
RIP	MER	MCAG	Loc	Local	Local	5961	CMAQ Match Reserve	-347		-105	-242					-347					
RIP	MER	MCAG	Loc	Local		5961	CMAQ Match Reserve	347		105	170	72				347					
							REASON FOR DELAY: Not enough CMAQ projects moving forward in FY 2001-02.														
RIP	MER	Merced County	Loc	Local	Local	5951	Campus Parkway (State-only funds)	-2,100	-300		-1,800					-1,400		-300	-400		
RIP	MER	Merced County	Loc	Local		5951	Campus Parkway (State-only funds)	2,100	300			400	1,400			1,400		300	400		
							REASON FOR DELAY: Delay due to complex nature of coordinating with multitude of agencies and interest groups concerned with the project.														
RIP	MNO	Mammoth Lakes	Loc	Local	Local	2505	Meridian Boulevard rehabilitation	-2,667	-138		-2,529						-2,529		-138		
RIP	MNO	Mammoth Lakes	Loc	Local		2505	Meridian Boulevard rehabilitation	2,667	138			2,529					2,529		138		
							REASON FOR DELAY: Mammoth Lakes Circulation Plan and project aerial maps are not complete.														
RIP	SB	Santa Barbara County	Local	Local	Local	4611	Goleta, Ekwil Street extension	-13,321	-522		-6,389	-6,410				-5,844	-6,410	-522	-545		
RIP	SB	Santa Barbara County	Local	Local		4611	Goleta, Ekwil Street extension	13,321	522			12,799				5,844	6,410	522	545		
							REASON FOR DELAY: Additional time coordinating with University of California at Santa Barbara to identify project alternatives.														
RIP	SB	Santa Barbara County	Local	Local	Local	4612	Goleta, Fowler Road extension	-6,402	-417		-873	-5,112				-438	-5,112	-417	-435		
RIP	SB	Santa Barbara County	Local	Local		4612	Goleta, Fowler Road extension	6,402	417			5,985				438	5,112	417	435		
							REASON FOR DELAY: Additional time coordinating with University of California at Santa Barbara to identify project alternatives.														
RIP	SCr	Santa Cruz County	Local	Local	Local	0930	Graham Hill Road improvements	-2,000	-305		-1,695					-80	-1,695	-100	-125		
RIP	SCr	Santa Cruz County	Local	Local		0930	Graham Hill Road improvements	2,000	305				1,695			80	1,695	100	125		
							REASON FOR DELAY: Delay due to environmental review process and pre-award audit of the design and public relations consultant.														
RIP	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local	Local	0925	Santa Cruz Multimodal Station	-2,525	-2,100		-425					-2,100	-425				
RIP	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local		0925	Santa Cruz Multimodal Station	2,525	2,100			425				2,100	425				
							REASON FOR DELAY: Delay due to extensive public involvement and environmental review process.														

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**(\$1,000)**

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										FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04			R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Eng
RIP	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local	Local	0927	San Lorenzo River Bike /Pedestrian Bridge	-1,200		-140	-1,060						-1,060		-140		
RIP	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local		0927	San Lorenzo River Bike /Pedestrian Bridge	1,200		140		1,060					1,060		140		
							<b>REASON FOR DELAY: Delay in environmental and design process due to sensitive habitat in river.</b>														
RIP	STA	Stanislaus County	Local	Local	Local	9879	Garst Road Extension, new 2-lane road	-1,230	-190		-220		-820			-220	-820	-40	-150		
RIP	STA	Stanislaus County	Local	Local		9879	Garst Road Extension, new 2-lane road	1,230	190			220	820			220	820	40	150		
							<b>REASON FOR DELAY: Project rescoping due to railroad's reversal of support for an at-grade railroad crossing.</b>														
GF IIP	STA	Caltrans	120	CT	CT	0941	Oakdale Bypass	-74,340	-6,674	-14,015	-53,651					-14,021	-51,022	-755	-4,714	-1,199	-2,629
GF IIP	STA	Caltrans	120	CT		0941	Oakdale Bypass	74,340	6,674	14,015			53,651			14,021	51,022	755	4,714	1,199	2,629
							<b>REASON FOR DELAY: Delay in environmental approval process.</b>														



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ATTACHMENT B

Fund	County	Agency	Rte	Lead	Delay By	PPNO	Project	Total	Prior	Project Totals by Fiscal Year					Fut	Project Totals by Component					
										FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	R/W		Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Eng	
TEA 21 DEMO	MER	Merced County	Loc	Local	Local	5951	Campus Parkway	-9,901	-1,200		-7,200		-1,501		-5,600	-1,501	-1,200	-1,600			
TEA 21 DEMO	MER	Merced County	Loc			5951	Campus Parkway	9,901	1,200		7,200		1,501		5,600	1,501	1,200	1,600			
City of Merced	MER	Merced County	Loc	Local	Local	5951	Campus Parkway	-1,300					-1,300			-1,300					
City of Merced	MER	Merced County	Loc			5951	Campus Parkway	1,300					1,300			1,300					
Local	MNO	Mammoth Lakes	Loc	Local	Local	2505	Meridian Boulevard rehabilitation	-1	-1								-1				
Local	MNO	Mammoth Lakes	Loc			2505	Meridian Boulevard rehabilitation	0	0								0				
County Fund	SCr	Santa Cruz County	Local	Local	Local	0930	Graham Hill Road improvements	-200	-10	-25	-165					-165	-10	-25			
County Fund	SCr	Santa Cruz County	Local			0930	Graham Hill Road improvements	200	10	25			165			165	10	25			
CMAQ	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local	Local	0925	Santa Cruz Multimodal Station	-750	-150		-600					-600	-50	-100			
CMAQ	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local			0925	Santa Cruz Multimodal Station	1,035	150		885					885	50	100			
City Fund	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local	Local	0925	Santa Cruz Multimodal Station	-625	-100		-525					-525		-100			
City Fund	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local			0925	Santa Cruz Multimodal Station	425	100			325				325		100			
City fund	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local	Local	Local	0927	San Lorenzo River Bike /Pedestrian Bridge	-50		-10	-40					-40	-10				
City fund	SCr	City of Santa Cruz	Local			0927	San Lorenzo River Bike /Pedestrian Bridge	50		10		40				40	10				

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ATTACHMENT C

Fund	County	Agency	Rte	Lead	Delay By	PPNO	Project	Project Totals by Fiscal Year							Project Totals by Component					
								Total	Prior	FY 01	FY 02	FY 03	FY 04	Fut	R/W	Const	E & P	PS&E	R/W Sup	Con Eng
TCRP	MER	Merced County	Loc	Local	Local	5951	Campus Parkway	0												
TCRP	MER	Merced County	Loc			5951	Campus Parkway (TCRP # 106)	23,000					23,000			23,000				